## THE LAST ADVENTURE.

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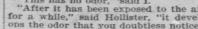


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Hollister blew a cloud of smoke into the air and watched it melt and vanish. Then he threw his cigar away; and, rising, filled three small glasses

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I turned to Colwin, and only just in time. He was falling as I sprang toward him, and it was partly the impact of my body that carried his to the divan. As I laid him in an easy post-

And that desire became stronger and stronger within me as I vainly strove to extort from them the secret of their adventure.

Surely there was nothing enticing in what I had witnessed that night, and I marveled at the impulse that impelled me to follow the path these men had trod. Perhaps the same subtle influence emanated from the air, now heavily charged with the odor of the drug that had been spilled; perhaps the sight of other men's desire for something wholly beyond my fancy awoke my envy. Whatever the cause, I felt the coming defeat of my resolution. I knew that I should try the hazard of the draft.

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Whatever the cause, I felt the coming defeat of my resolution. I knew that I should try the hazard of the draft. Aside from my desire to tempt the adventure, another consideration pressed upon my mind. It was evident that I could not much longer hold out against the madness of my companions. They would soon be masters of their usual strength and could then easily overpower me and take away the key

standing.

"You have tried to find out what death is." said he, "and you have failed. You know no more about death than you did before, but you know a great deal more about life. A chasm of complete unconsciousness separates you from all the old impressions and prejudices. The habit of liv-

me, being toil without motive.

A hand was laid upon my shoulder, and I heard a voice say, "Where did you put the key of the cabinet?"

It was Colwin. During my sleep, as I afterward learned, he had tried to get the key, and had discovered, despite Hollister's resistance, that it was not in my pocket.

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occurred to me that even if he did describe the dog. This creature has merely one where you and Colwill and I are one. It will return."

I had had instruction in medicine and argery, and had even made some special study of conditions simulating eath. Therefore, I felt competent to make the dog closely, Every ital process seemed to be totally sustant process seemed to be totally sustant the animal would have had some faint ope of restoring animation by menanical means, but none whatever that the animal would develop vital energy by its own internal processes.

From previous experience I would ave said that death always proclaims prevenes though the method is not be described in the exact terms of elence. The flight of the soul from a unan body may be perceived, though what sense we cannot surely say, and even in the case of a lower animal here should be some unmistakable here should be some unmistakable hence when it has run through the

should be some unmistakable when it has run through the of organic existence, and has again toward the dust. dog is dead," said L "It will nove again." and the control of the property of the